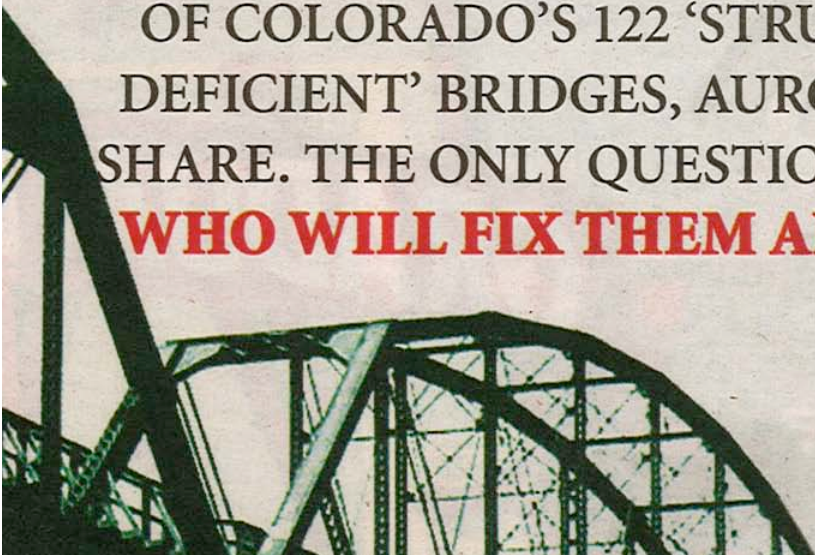


TRANSPORTATION FORUM





CROSSINGS TO BEAR



OF COLORADO'S 122 'STRUCTURALLY DEFICIENT' BRIDGES, AURORA HAS ITS SHARE. THE ONLY QUESTIONS NOW ARE **WHO WILL FIX THEM AND WHEN?**

Planning ahead

Transportation fix won't be popular, but it needs to be done

State must fund road and bridge improvements

TROUBLED BRIDGE OVER WATER

While infrastructure is often cited as a key priority for lawmakers, the money doesn't always come through

**Pay now or later
on roads, bridges**



Colorado's transportation system is on life support

STATE OF DISREPAIR

COLORADO'S TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM IS CRUMBLING,
AND A PROJECTED PRICE TAG OF \$1.5 BILLION HAS FEW
WILLING TO HIT THE POLITICAL PAVEMENT

ALLEN BEST, *COLORADO BIZ*



AGING NOT SO GRACEFULLY

BRIDGES ▲ 75 YEARS OLD

HIGHWAYS ▲ 70 YEARS OLD

INTERSTATES ▲ 50 YEARS OLD

BUSES ▲ 20 YEARS OLD

COLORADO'S TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM
WAS **NEVER DESIGNED** TO HANDLE THE
STRESS WE HAVE PLACED ON IT.

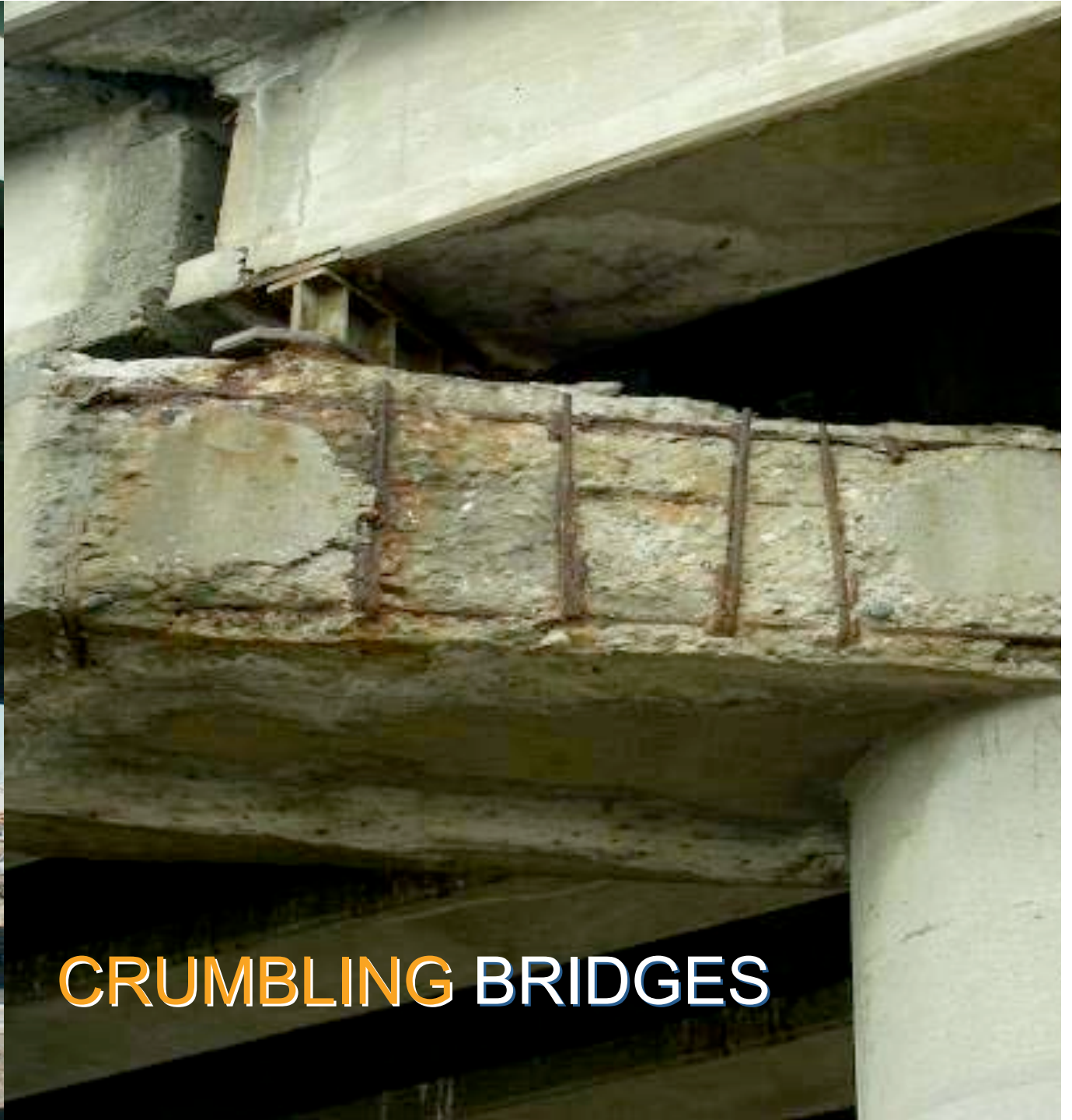


BY 2020, COLORADO'S POPULATION IS
ESTIMATED TO INCREASE BY 1.2 MILLION.



COLORADO HAS
126 STRUCTURALLY DEFICIENT
BRIDGES.





CRUMBLING BRIDGES

A close-up, low-angle shot of a two-lane asphalt road. Two parallel yellow lines run down the center of the road, receding into the distance. The asphalt surface is heavily cracked with numerous small, irregular fissures and a few larger, more prominent cracks. The lighting is even, highlighting the texture of the pavement and the color of the paint.

40% OF COLORADO ROADS ARE IN
POOR CONDITION.

COLORADO'S TRANSIT SYSTEM IS NOT MEETING DEMAND.



BUDGET PRESSURES THAT CAN'T BE PREDICTED.





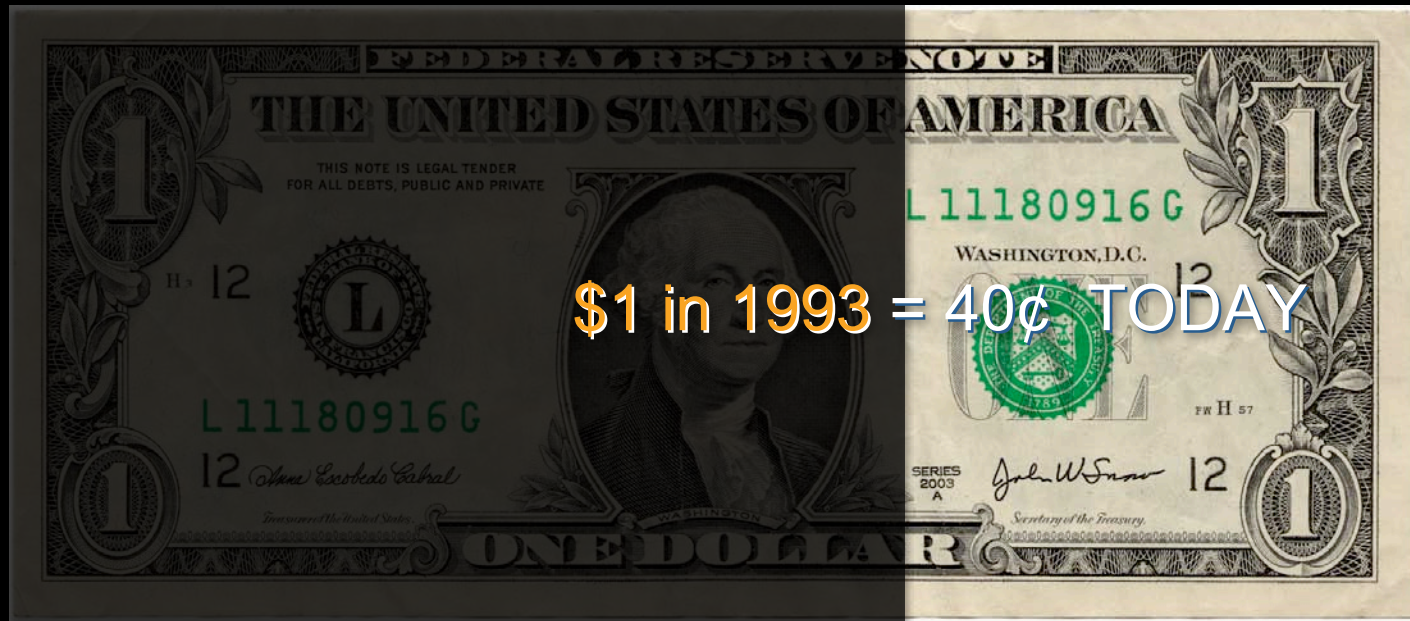
CDOT ONLY HAS ENOUGH MONEY TO MAINTAIN
HALF THE STATEWIDE SYSTEM.







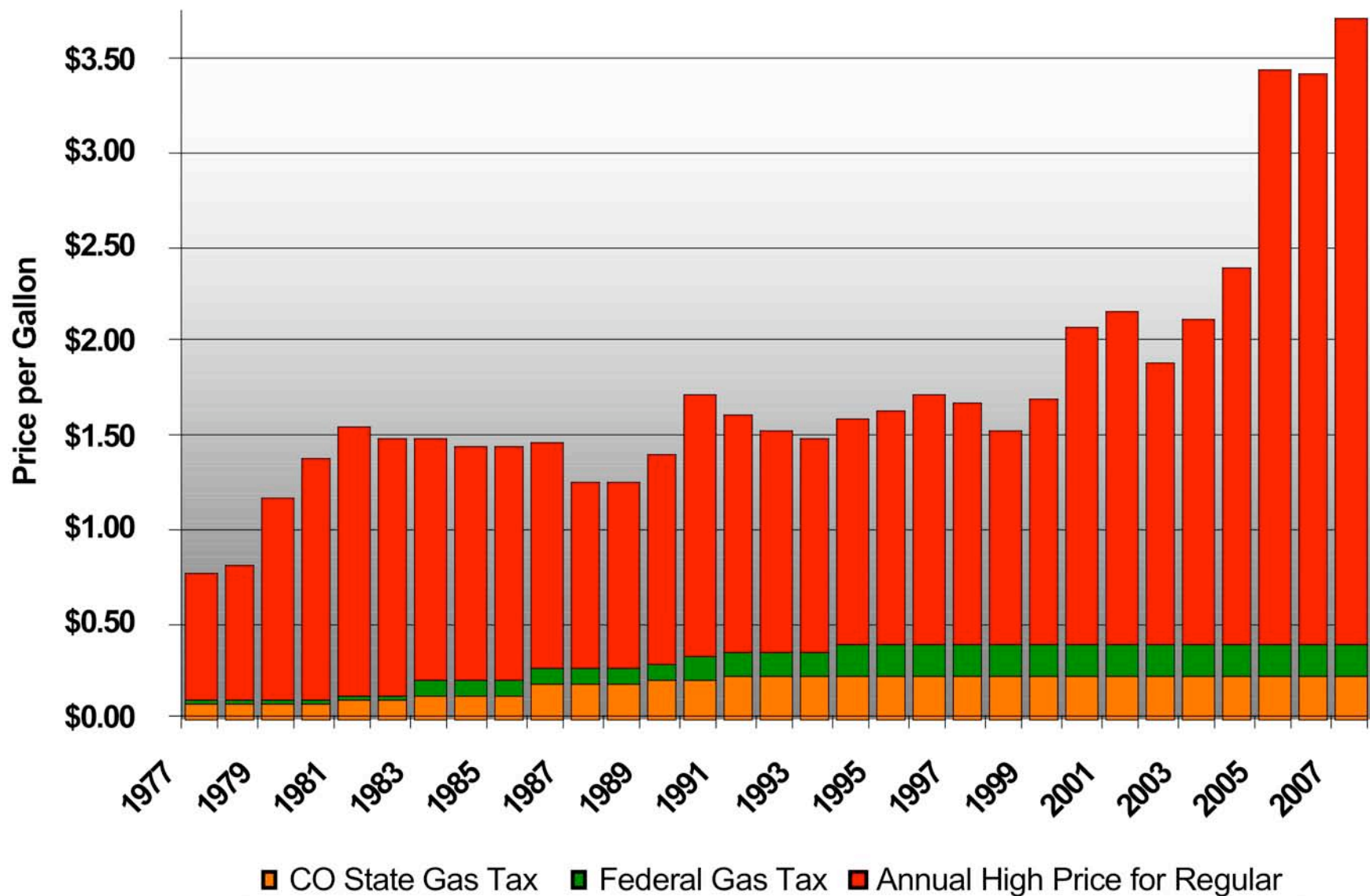




\$1 in 1993 = 40¢ TODAY



STATE GAS TAX REMAINS STEADY





CDOT HAS **NO SUSTAINABLE**
REVENUE STREAM.





CONGESTION ON I-70 ALONE COSTS
COLORADO BUSINESSES MORE THAN
\$700 MILLION DOLLARS ANNUALLY.





TRANSPORTATION ACCOUNTS FOR **23 PERCENT**
OF ALL GREEN HOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IN
COLORADO.



INCREASED **VEHICLE MAINTENANCE** COSTS
DUE TO POOR ROAD CONDITIONS.



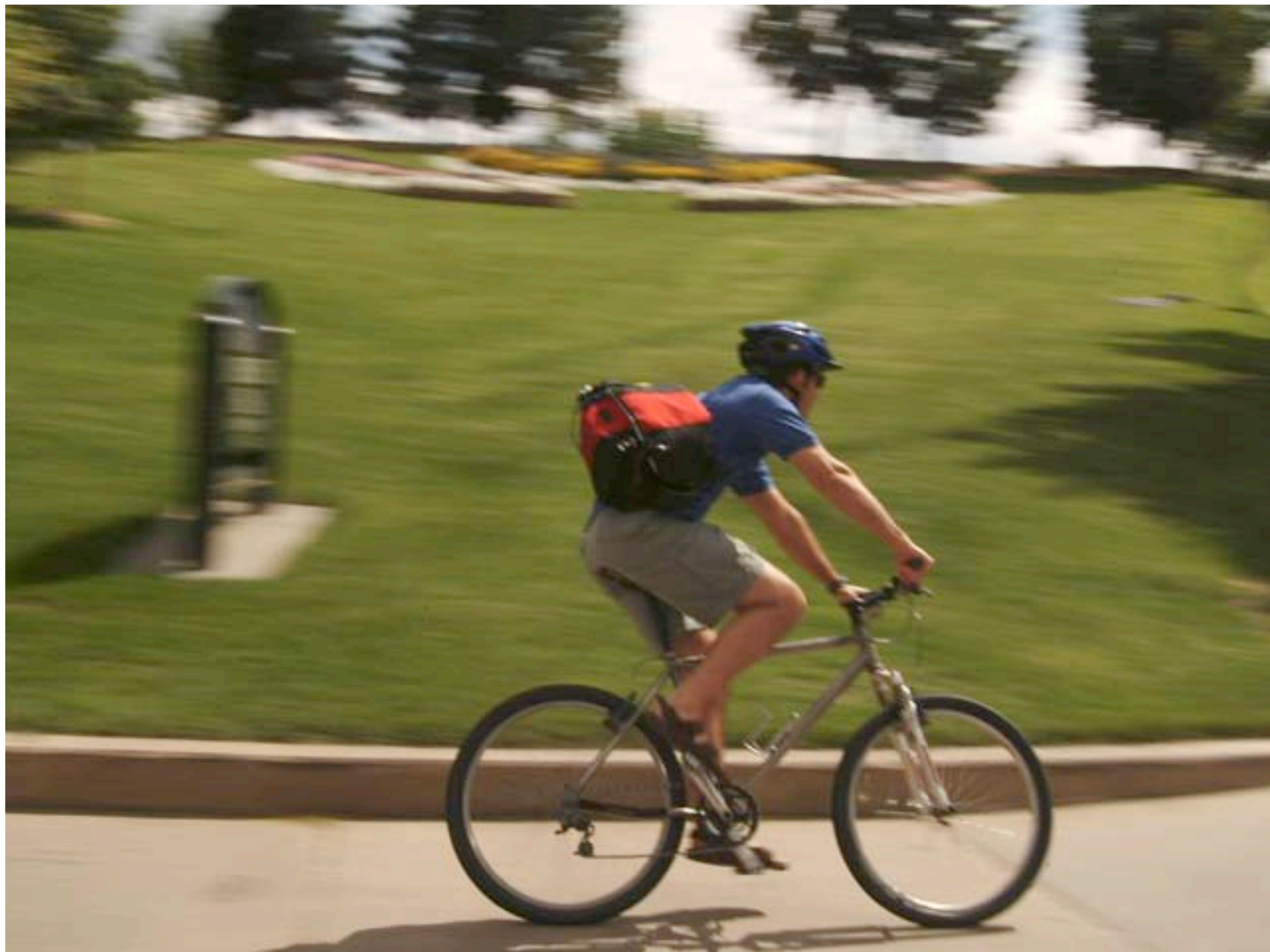














"I say this as the mayor of a city recovering from a tragedy that is not an act of God. It was a **failure of man.**"

- Minneapolis Mayor R.T. Rybak





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